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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4497

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3477

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SY, UR
SUBJECT: ALLEGED SECRET VISIT BY ASAD TO MOSCOW

1. WE HAVE NOTED STORY IN BEIRUT PRESS REPLAYED BY
VARIOUS AREA RADIOS THAT ASAD PAYED A SECRET VISIT TO
MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 2.
2. ALTHOUGH STRICT SECURITY SHROUDS MOVEMENT OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT,
TO BEST OF EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE ASAD WAS ON HOLIDAY IN SYRIAN
COASTAL DISTRICT OF LATAKIA AUG 27-SEPT 3.
3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE EMBASSY WAS IN CONTACT WITH
SARG SEPT 1 DISCUSSING POSSIBLE SECVISIT TO DAMASCUS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2. WE WERE TOLD LATE EVENING SEPTEMBER 1 THAT ASAD
HAD AGREED TO SEPT 2 DATE. HE, HOWEVER, PROPOSED AN HOUR FOR THE
MEETING WHICH WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR OUR SIDE.
4. WHEN HE RECEIVED SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 3, ASAD WAS SPORTING
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A NEW TAN WHICH MOSCOW WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY PROVIDING.

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